GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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FAKE NEWSPAPERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of fake newspapers in the country;

(b) whether the system of registration of those fake newspapers is going on uncontrolled ; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) : The Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) maintains a record of only those newspapers, which are published in accordance with the provisions of the Press & Registration of Books Act, 1867, which stipulates that a newspaper can be published only after authentication of declaration by the concerned magistrate. Registration is done after verifying that the first issue has been brought out.

(c): Does not arise.